

Longman's Hill Community Primary School Newsletter



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Summer holiday

Another school year has flown by once again at Longman's Hill and as usual it has been an incredibly busy year for the entire school team: staff, parents, governors and of course our fantastic children! Children have participated in various sporting events, been on trips and welcomed visitors.

As usual at this time of year, we say a sad farewell to the remainder of our Y6 leavers. All of the children have been incredible this year, facing the challenge of the high expectations in SATs with a positive attitude. We wish them lots of luck as they move onto their chosen high schools.

We also have to say goodbye to some of our staff. Miss Thorpe is leaving to spend precious time with her baby; we wish her well but are sure it won't be too long before we see her back in the classroom here on a supply basis! She will be missed by staff and children alike.

Our best wishes also go to Miss Nicholson who leaves us to go on maternity leave. I am sure she is definitely ready for a well-earned rest; make the most of it though Miss Nicholson; just a couple of weeks until the baby arrives and then there will be no rest for quite some time! I would like to personally thank Miss Nicholson for the hard work and dedication she has shown our school once again this year as Deputy Head; she will be missed greatly by everyone. I am sure she will visit once the baby arrives and until then we wish her well.

Congratulations also go to Miss Dowell who gets married this summer and will return in September as Mrs Bland. We wish her well for the big day!

May I take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support of the school once again this year. The impact of this support cannot be underestimated and it is very much appreciated. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer break with your families.

POLITE REMINDER: LONGMAN'S HILL IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL



J2E Software & Home Access for Children

The school has recently invested in some new computing software called 'Just 2 Easy.' Some of you may have heard your children talking about it or have noticed they have even started accessing it at home. 'J2E' is a web-based platform which allows children to access different learning applications and programs that are designed for learning.

J2E is more than just a single web enabled application, it is a complete set of tools comprising a multi-media document creator (j2e5), a code writing framework (j2code), a database tool (j2branch and j2data), a file storage area (my files) and a few more tools.

The children across school will be using J2E in both computing lessons and other lessons but are also able, with permission from yourselves, to access this platform at home. J2E works on any device and files are stored using a cloud system.

J2E is an educationally relevant, secure, e-safe environment where pupils are able to publish work and comment on others' work but are not able to speak to anyone that is not a member of Longman's Hill. Teachers and pupils all have their own individual log ins that are password protected. (If your child is unsure of their username and password they can speak to their class teacher).

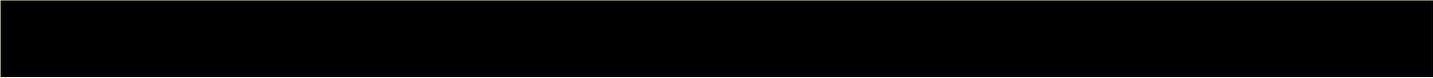
As children are able to access J2E at home which means that they can, if they would like to, access their work to finish off at home, start their own project or simply spend time 'tinkering' with the different elements of it. If you have any more queries, speak with your child's class teacher in September.

Attendance

Your child's report gave you the attendance figure for your child; the one on the subject grids giving the most up to date one. The government has set the level of absence that your child can be off school before becoming a **Persistent Absentee (PA) at 10%**. Therefore, if your child's attendance is less than 90%, they are classed by the DfE and Local Authority as a persistent absentee for this academic year. If this is the case, we would ask for your support with improving your child's attendance at school and do your best to avoid unnecessary absences. Thank you.

Uniform reminder and earrings

Over the Summer, some children get their ears pierced. If you are planning this, please do it at the start of the holidays so that when your child returns to school in September, they are able to remove earrings for PE. Whilst we allow plain studs to be worn in school, all earrings must be removed for PE; we do not allow earrings to be taped over.



I am sure many of you will also be purchasing new uniform over the summer. Uniform can be purchased online at <http://school-shop.co.uk> or you can call into their shop which is based in Elvington.

May I remind you that shoes must be plain black, brown or navy. We do allow plain black trainers as long as they have no logos or different coloured soles.

Data Collection

All children were sent home with a data collection sheet which we ask you to complete each year so that the details we hold for you and your child on the system are correct. Please can you ensure that any outstanding forms are sent back into school in the first week back in September. Many thanks.

School Clubs

Places have now been allocated in the school clubs for the Autumn term. Please do not assume your child has a place; make sure you have received a confirmation letter, which were sent out earlier this week. Many thanks.

Dates for your diary

Autumn term 2018 – school open to children on Wednesday 5th September.

The annual school dates for the whole of the next academic year are now available to download on the school website.

Go to www.longmanshill.co.uk -- News& Events & recruitment -- Term dates and click the green text link 'school diary dates for parents 18 19'.